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## **OHIO COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD ESTABLISHES LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINING AND BODY WORN CAMERAS STANDARDS**

**COLUMBUS** – Today, the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board (Ohio Collaborative) established two new statewide standards on Law Enforcement Telecommunicator Training and Body Worn Cameras during its meeting at the Ohio Department of Public Safety. These are the fifth and sixth standards adopted by the Ohio Collaborative, and state:

*Law Enforcement Telecommunicator Training:* Law Enforcement call taking and dispatching are critical elements to ensuring a proper and safe response to reported incidents affecting public safety. Ensuring proper training and performance by tele-communicators performing these functions is essential.

*Body Worn Cameras:* Law enforcement agencies and the community will benefit from clear guidelines involving the use of body-worn cameras and related privacy issues.

“The standards established today are just another step in our continued effort to strengthen trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve,” said John Born, Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, who co-chairs the Board with former state Senator Nina Turner.

More than 250 agencies employing over 15,000 officers, including agencies and officers in most of Ohio’s metropolitan areas, are either certified or in the process of becoming certified by meeting standards for the use of force, including deadly force, and agency recruitment and hiring. The first list of all Ohio compliant agencies will be published in March 2017. To be included in the report, agencies must submit a compliance application to the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services by Feb. 1, 2017.

The state has partnered with the Buckeye State Sheriffs’ Association and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police to help certify Ohio’s nearly 1,000 law enforcement agencies on a process to ensure that they are in compliance with Ohio’s new standards.

Gov. John R. Kasich established the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory board to oversee implementation of recommendations from the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations.

For more information on the Ohio Collaborative and the new standards, visit:

<http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/>

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